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REMARKS

The Office Action dated 17 June 2005 has been reviewed, and the comments of the U.S. Patent Office have been considered. Claims 1-6 and 17-20 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 7, 10, and 25-26 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 8, 9, 14, 15, and 21 are currently amended, and claims 13 and 24 remain as originally presented. Thus claims 8, 9, 11-16, and 21-24 are submitted for reconsideration.

Claims 8, 9, 11-16, and 21-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,681,746 to Cook et al. ("Cook"). This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the above amendments and the following comments.

Independent claim 21 recites a purge solenoid valve assembly, the assembly including, *inter alia*, a pin displacement calibration feature having a first locator "threadably engaging the overmolded cap and being entirely disposed in the second cavity so that the resilient element engages a surface of the first locator." Support for the claimed combination of features may be found in, for example, Applicant's Figure 5 and page 3, lines 1-4. As discussed in Applicant's specification as originally filed, for example at page 3, lines 11-18, such an arrangement results in cost savings by advantageously reducing the number of parts.

In contrast, Cook's Figure 6 shows an additional spring seat 87 interposed between spring element 86 and calibration screw 88, which "is threaded into a hole in the end wall" of a pocket piece B2 (Cook column 6, lines 57-66). *See also* Cook's description of Figure 6 at column 10, lines 24-33. As such, Cook fails to show a first locator, which threadably engages a cap, and a resilient element that engages a surface of the first locator, as recited in Applicant's independent claim 21.

Accordingly, claim 21 is patentable because Cook fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention as a whole. And claims 8, 9, 11-16, and 22-24, which depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 21, are also allowable for at least the same reasons, as well as for reciting additional features.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this Application and the prompt allowance of claims 8, 9, 11-16, and 21-24.


Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution of the application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-1641. **This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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